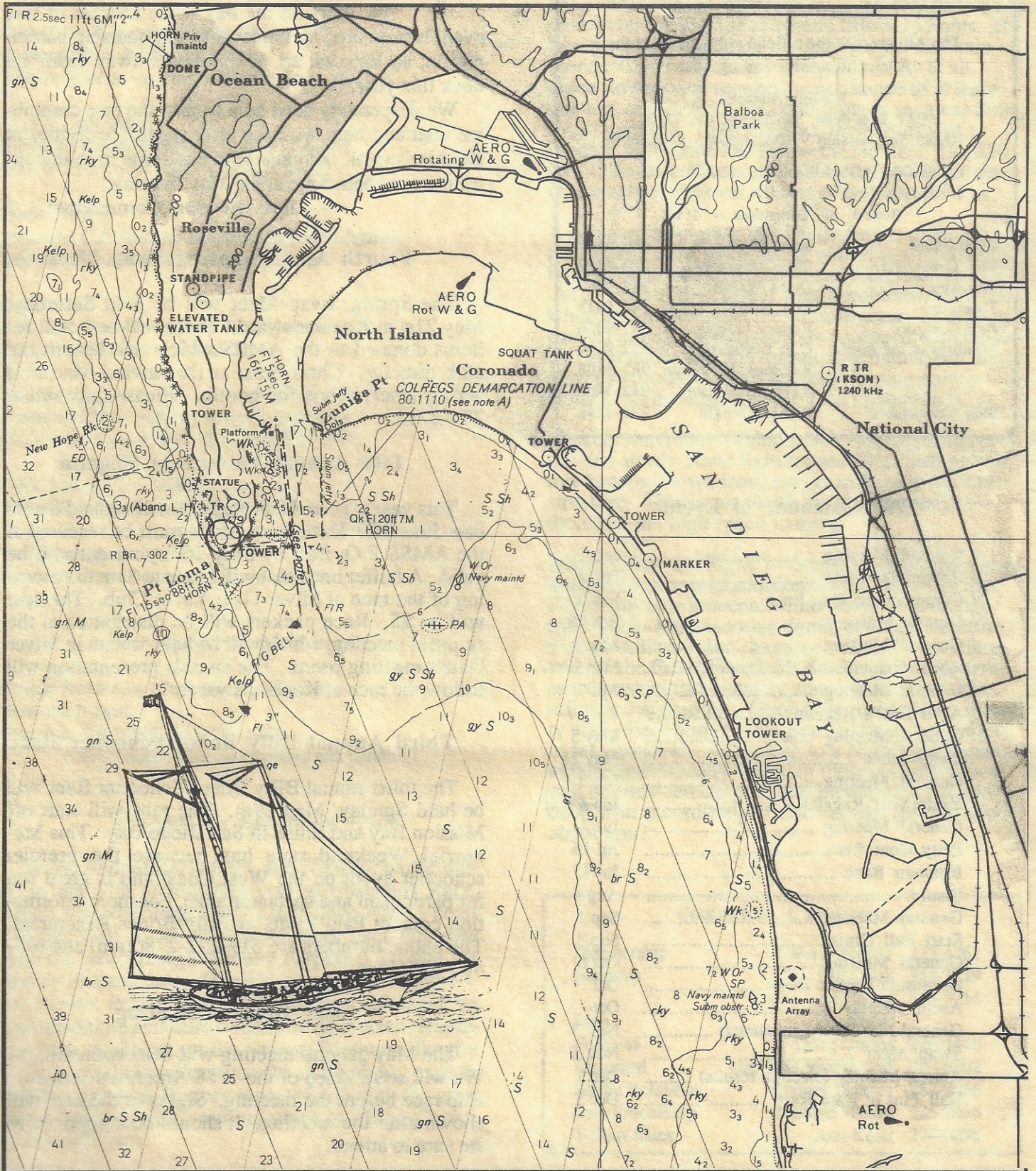
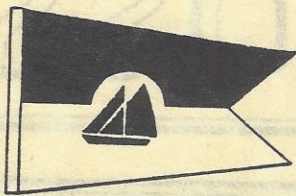


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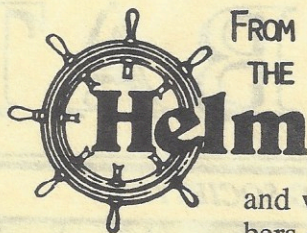
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1988 Calendar of Events

√ General Meeting	Jan 7
√ General Meeting	Feb 4
√ Commodore's Cup Race	Feb 27
√ Dinghy Massacre	Feb 28
√ General Meeting	Mar 3
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√ General Meeting	Apr 7
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Picnic	Aug 4
General Meeting	Sep 1
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Ascot Display	Oct
General Meeting (nominatons)	Nov 3
Swap Meet	Nov 5
Annual Meeting (election results)	Dec 1
Half Pint o' Rum Race	Dec 3



FROM
THE

Helm

It's time to put down the varnishing brush and spend some time sailing. The YesterYear Regatta is our most important event of the year

and we need to see all of our members on the bay. The success of this event is measured by the level of membership participation, so let's we all of our boats away from the dock this year.

We desperately need help to man the race committee boat and help with the after regatta festivities at Koehler's yard. Anyone who has some time to contribute can contact me at the May meeting.

— Jerry Newton, Commodore

Fourth Annual Spring Swap Meet

The Spring Swap Meet will be held Saturday, May 21st at Koehler's yard. There will be a stall for items donated to the AMSS which will benefit our club directly. Chris Frost at Downwind Marine is taking reservations for booths. Please call him at 224-2733.

14th Annual YesterYear Regatta

This year's YesterYear Regatta will be held Saturday, June ~~11th~~ Race entry forms must be received at the AMSS P.O. Box by May 26th your entry to be valid. A buffet breakfast will begin at 8am the morning of the race at Silver Gate Yacht Club. The cost will be \$5. Race packets will be distributed at the skippers meeting, which will be held at 9am in Silver Gate's meeting room. The awards presentation will follow the race at Koehler's yard.

Third Annual Billy Bones Schooner Race

The third annual Billy Bones Schooner Race will be held Sunday, May 29th. The race will start off Mission Bay and finish in San Diego Bay. This Memorial Weekend race has become the premier schooner event on the West Coast and is great fun for participant and spectator alike. For more information contact Paul Plotts at Billy Bones Restaurant. The phone numbers are 619-272-2780(am) and 619-483-8996(pm).

May General Meeting

The May general meeting will be schooner night. We will see a video of the 1988 America's Schooner Cup race before the meeting. Slides of the race will shown after the meeting. It should be a good show. Be sure to attend.

Welcome Aboard

New Members

Jim Sutter

Sponsors: Chris & Susan Donnelly
Jims owns *Ranger*, a 22' Mystic sloop.

John (J.C.) & Jeanette (Nette) Craig

Sponsors: Bob & Julia Morris
John & Jeanette own the 46' PCC sloop, *Robin*.

Tom & Cathy Myers

Sponsors: Kevin Thompson & C. F. Koehler
Tom & Cathy own *Tempest*, a 46' Cal-32.

Jeanine Dryer

Sponsors: C.F. Koehler & (other signature illegible)
Jeannine owns *Bout*, a 26' marconi sloop.

Fred Gerlach

Sponsors: Chris Donnelly & Jerry Newton
Fred owns *Altimar*, a 46' Cal-32.

Jack Scott

Sponsors: Chris Donnelly & Sheila DeWeese
Jack owns *Fantasy*, a 32' sloop built in 1941.

Debra Dominici (Associate)

Sponsors: Doug & Mary Anne Graves

Paul Ellars (Associate)

Sponsors: Chris Donnelly & Jerry Newton

Prospective Members

George Richardson (Capt. Dirt, Adventurer)

Berth 26, E Dock
Sausalito, CA 94965 415-332-1073
(introduction to the membership still pending)

Newport to Ensenada Race

Sally, *Andale*, *Dauntless*, and *Nirvana* participated in the 41st annual Newport to Ensenada Race, which started Friday, April 22nd. Two AMSS boats finished well in the Ancient Mariner fleet. *Nirvana* took the new George Minney Perpetual Trophy for first on elapsed time. *Dauntless* took two trophies—the Serena Perpetual Trophy for first schooner on corrected time and third overall in the Ancient Mariner class. A plaque on the Serena Perpetual Trophy indicates that *Dauntless* won the same trophy exactly twenty years ago. History repeats itself with the great Alden schooners. Congratulations to Hugo Carver and Paul Plotts!

PORT SIDE

by Rod Latimer

High Speed Icebergs — The recent visit of the Navy's newest Trident, the *Ohio*, brings to mind a few reminders about channel navigation. The single screw design of these vessels, with the rudders ahead of the props, makes them extremely difficult to control on the surface at speeds below 15 knots. Between buoy #3 and their berth they must maintain speed to have any maneuvering capability at all. Once slowed they require the assistance of at least one tug, and in fast tidal conditions as many as three, to get in or out. Like icebergs, the majority of a modern submarine lies below the surface. The 550 foot *Ohio* only shows about 300 feet above the surface and requires over 40 feet of water to float.

A submarine entering San Diego Bay at night is a particular hazard since, along with size and immobility, her black hull makes her nearly impossible to see. As a result of the current world problems, even the white hull numbers on the superstructure have been painted out. Although they are equipped with the latest radar and sonar, the question remains: can they detect a vintage wooden sailboat slipping quietly along in an evening breeze? Don't count on it.

Another reminder: a submarine's running lights consist of a steady white light topped by a flashing yellow beacon shown from a short mast atop the superstructure. This is not much warning for an 18 thousand ton high speed iceberg.

Stand Clear or Fight — Some of you might have noticed some recent additions to the waters of San Diego Bay: the innocent white buoys with orange trim. These little beauties, found off the submarine base at Ballast Point, the quay wall at North Island, and off the Coast Guard Air Station, mark the new one thousand foot security zones around sensitive military installations. During the recent Navy security alert, these buoys were guarded by armed sailors in fast launches. According to a Navy spokesman, anyone intentionally violating these security zones will be considered a potential Iranian terrorist and dealt with accordingly. Clear enough for me; how about you?

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April Fool's Regatta
April 16, 1988

Position	Vessel Name	Type	Owner	Rating	Elapsed	Corrected
Classic Racing		Course Distance:	12.28 nm			
1	Sally	59' frac sloop	Koehler	• 86	1:52:50	1:52:50
2	Sceptre	36' sloop	Wright	180	2:51:00	2:29:48
Classic Cruising		Course Distance:	12.28 nm			
1	Ranger	23' sloop	Sutter	340	3:47:00	3:03:00
2	Sea Brig	30' ketch	Latimer	300	3:23:30	3:07:30
3	Bequia	30' ketch	Sterns	300	3:31:00	3:15:00
4	Animal House	41' sloop	Bayuk	• 220	3:19:40	3:19:40
5	Revelee	31' gaff ketch	Fossum	520	4:27:14	3:27:14
6	Maid of Kent	30' schooner	Newton-Hilmen	450	4:27:14	3:41:14
7	Kauwee †	33' ketch	Donnelly	260	4:04:00	3:56:00
	• scratch boat	† late to start				

April Fool's Commentary

With a start at buoy #17, we had a reach to buoy #3 which continued to the Mission Bay Channel. The conditions were light with bumpy seas. The overnight raft up party started up quickly with the tacky trophy awards presentation. The imagination of the racing crews, who supplied the tacky trophies, was astonishing! The reputation of this event remains in tact.

Calling All Artists

It's come to my attention that we have a number of artists in the AMSS. We have people who carve, paint, sculpt, draw, etc. I would like to hear from you. What I have in mind is an art show or exhibit of work done by our members. Perhaps Silver Gate Yacht Club would host such an event, which could be enjoyed by their members as well as ours.

We have the talents of Doug Graves, who makes our gorgeous trophies; Chris Donnelly, who does wonderful woodcuts and etchings; Dall DeWeese, who designs theater sets; Rod Latimer, who does

oils, watercolors, and charcoals; and yours truly, who does portraits and landscapes in pastels.

Whatever your medium, you know who you are! Please call me so I can see how many of us there are and who would be willing to exhibit their work. The subject of your work need not be nautical. Whatever you do is what we want for the show.

If you agree with me that this would be a fun thing to do, please give me a call at 619-274-0695. This is not a good time to be shy! Thanks.

— Ann Kolls